

## Evening News Script

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### :: THE HEADLINES ::

- Nagaland Cabinet once again appeals Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation and its constituent bodies to participate in Urban Local Bodies Election
- Supreme Court says Enforcement Directorate cannot arrest an accused on money laundering charges after special court takes cognisance of complaint
- Government slashes prices of 41 commonly used medicines and 6 formulations
- And Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant stresses on the need to perform in-depth analyses and not just collect data on TB cases.

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Nagaland Cabinet has once again appealed to the Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation (ENPO) and its constituent bodies to participate in the Urban Local Bodies Election. The appeal was conveyed by Parliamentary Affairs Minister and State Spokesperson K G Kenye after a state cabinet meeting held today at the Chief Minister's Office Secretariat in Kohima. Kenye said Municipal and Town councils are welfare and development oriented council, which function on a semi autonomous body for local self governance to manage own affairs at the local level. Kenye said, ULB elections are being held for the benefits of the citizens residing in those towns and municipalities. The state spokesperson opined that after a prolonged problems of more than two decades, the state will be holding the ULB election in the larger interest of the public and their welfare. To this, he said why this ULB election has to

be seen as a means for ENPO to register resentment and protest on their demands which is already under the process at the higher level. Kenye further opined that ULB election is to do with grassroots level developments and is for the upliftment of the citizens. The State spokesperson therefore said, that the state cabinet have decided to once again request the ENPO and all other concerned organisations to reconsider their decision on abstaining the ULB elections. He said, this should be seen differently and added that it would be doing justice for every citizens in every corners of the state if the ENPO actively participate to bring in more funds through private institutions or from the state or centre to further develop the urban local stations. On the issue of Free Movement Regime, FMR, Kenye said, the state government is taking all necessary action with the Government of India, and that the central government has also assured to reconsider the issue. The Minister also requested the NGOs to be patience till the Government of India takes a considered decision on the matter.

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The Supreme Court today ruled that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) cannot arrest an accused on money laundering charges, once the special court has taken cognisance of ED's complaint. After cognisance is taken of the offence, the ED and its officers are powerless to exercise powers under Section 19 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, to arrest the person shown as accused in the complaint, the Apex Court said. The bench headed by Justices Abhay S. Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan said that, if the ED wants custody of an accused, then it would have to apply to the special court. The bench further stated that if the ED wants to conduct an additional investigation concerning the same offence, it may arrest a person not shown as an accused in the complaint already filed, provided the requirements of Section 19 are fulfilled.

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The Government has slashed the prices of 41 commonly used medicines and six formulations used to treat diseases such as diabetes, heart and liver ailments. The decision was taken at the meeting of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority in order to ensure that the cost of essential medicines remains affordable for the public.

The pharma companies have been instructed to pass on the information on the reduced price of various medicines to dealers and stockists with immediate effect.

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Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant stressed on the need to not just collect data on TB cases, but also perform in-depth analyses. Speaking at the Kohima District TB Forum and District Aids Prevention and Control Cell Meeting, Ramnikant highlighted the importance of testing in close settings to curb the spread of TB, along with the necessity for awareness and counseling where testing occurs. District Tuberculosis Officer, Kohima, Dr. Chibenthung Kithan, provided an overview of the district health unit's profile, services available under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP), as well as the targets, challenges, and outcomes. Dr. Kithan also informed that three villages in Kohima have been declared TB-free under the TB Mukht Panchayat initiative. During the programme, A TB Champion shared his personal experiences undergoing treatment under the NTEP. He expressed gratitude for the free medicine, treatment, and financial assistance provided during his treatment. He emphasized the importance of completing the mandatory six-month medication course without any interruptions and encouraged fellow TB patients to take full advantage of the available facilities.

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Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer has been elected as the Chairman of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region, Zone-III and President, North East Regional Institute of Parliamentary Studies, Training and Research. Speaking at the felicitation programme organised by the officers and staffs of Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Longkumer extended his gratitude to the CPA for trusting and according him with the responsibility. He exuded hope that with collective efforts, all tasks that lies ahead will be tackled efficiently. The Speaker also urged the officers and staffs of NLA to continue to work collectively and propel towards setting spectacular standards. Longkumer added that with the cooperation of the abled Deputy Speaker, they will be able to achieve all the objectives sincerely.

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The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has informed that ebook of Class 9 Science has been prepared with digital content free of cost for the students. NBSE said the digital content will give access to equal and quality learning to all the students anytime, anywhere and any number of times. The ebook gives a comprehensive digital content and aims to save resources spent on extra tuitions. The Board informed that the ebook will be available on the link [study.goyalsonline.com/NCERT-Science-Class-9-English-Medium/index](http://study.goyalsonline.com/NCERT-Science-Class-9-English-Medium/index). NBSE has requested all the Head of Registered Institutions to share the information with the Class 9 students and encourage all students to make the most out of the resources available

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On account of 'National Dengue Day' today, all household under Mokokchung district will observe "Dry Day" every week. Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Thsuvisie Phoji informed that cleanliness drive will be conducted for cleaning the surroundings and draining away unwanted stored water in flower pots, water cans, discarded containers, tyres and gutters, drainage of water in stagnant areas, to eliminate mosquito breeding sites so as to prevent and control dengue.

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